SWARC NEWS

Notes from K7RLH

Happy New Year; let's hope 2022 is kinder to all of us than 2021 was!!!!

I hope you all enjoyed the club chili cookoff event that was shared by the 13 in-person attendees. We had plenty of delicious food and a winner was declared. Our VP, Manny Garcia, has the news of that in his piece further on in this newsletter.

I continue to encourage you to renew your club membership if you have not already done so. There are still a few older/former members that we have not heard from, so, if you know a member that you haven't seen or heard from lately, reach out to them and see if they will rejoin our group.

While we did have a hybrid Zoom meeting for this past Wednesday, hopefully, we will not have to return to 'Zooming' as a normal procedure. We know that is beyond our control right now and we must follow all safety protocols and allow members to choose if they are comfortable meeting in person, and whether we should continue with meals. So, until we know more, let's keep on meeting and see what the 'science' tells us while always being sensitive to others concerns. I sincerely hope we can continue meeting in person as it allows all folks to have their say, which is not always as feasible when on Zoom. **We probably will do another hybrid meeting in February so that we can allow all members to participate in the**

annual club auction. That being said, if one of your new year's resolutions is/was to clean up your ham shack, then here's your opportunity to dispose of old/no longer used equipment and let it be someone else's equipment. Perhaps you will make enough $$$ to offset something you bought that is new to you!!!!

I was really happy to see Mike Ramsey, KD4LKR, again after a long absence perhaps caused by COVID, but most certainly by his regular employment with the state. Welcome back, Mike, and don't be a stranger!!

Look for other info in the body of the newsletter. I/we hope to see you at the February meeting on the 2nd!

SWARC de K7RLH

Notes from KB4NC

Greetings to all South Wake Members!

Congrats to Penny Krum for winning the vote on the Chili Contest at the January meeting! Dave Yow, K4MSE, brought in an amazing chocolate eclair dish to compliment his chili offering that topped off the evening.

At our next meeting in February we will have the Club Auction for folks to buy and sell ham equipment. Bring your equipment and $money$ to score deals!

73,
Manny - KB4NC

SWARC 5 Jan 2022 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 pm by President Richard Hall, K7RLH. Doors opened at 6:15 pm to set up for the great SWARC Chili Cookoff Challenge. Read to the end to find out who has bragging rights for 2022 as the Chili Champion. Monthly meeting times are at 7:00 pm on the first Wednesday of every month in Building 2 on the Legion complex. Richard led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

We had good attendance with 13 persons present plus 3 via Zoom. Attendees included:
Richard Hall (K7RLH), Manny Garcia (KB4NC), Bill Blomgren (KK4QDZ), Andy McDaniel (KN4JJU), Al Crawford (WA4TCJ), Linda Crawford (KI4LO), Steve Mowels (KA0GMY), Mike Gaither (K4MWG), Gary Plante (KO4LQX), Christy Fernandini (KJ4AEO), Steve Susanne (WB4SMS), Brian Knox (KK4BK), Dave Yow (K4MSE), Mike Ramsey (KD4OKR), Dave Krum (NW3U) and his better half Penny.

Financial Report:
Richard read the financial report provided by Christy noting that the club has $2,173.20 in the bank as of January 5th. The club's balance reflects dues payments from four members (thank you) plus $365 in additional raffle sales.

New Business:
Congratulations to Ron Cooney (K4AAA) who was married two weeks ago! Ron lives with his new bride in Texas.
As many if you know, Kenny Southern (KJ4CVK) has had numerous troubles with his legs for some time now. Later this month he will have his second leg amputated and both fitted with prosthetics. To lift his spirits, the club is pulling together an HF radio set for Kenny. Members are donating a LDG Z100 auto tuner, antenna, radio, power supply, and coax. Volunteers are needed to help set up the equipment. An installation date is yet to be determined. Please contact Richard if you would like to assist.

Steve Mowels (KA0GMY) reported out that his son received a new kidney in December and is doing well. Steve thanked everyone for all the well wishes his family has received.

Steve also reported that the Golden Coral is under new management and there is some uncertainty as to whether the AB4OZ monthly swap fest will continue to be held at this location. A location for the SWARC sponsored swap fest will also be evaluated in the future. Stay tuned for more information.
Mike Ramsey (KD4OKR) will be donating a projector to the club for future meetings and presentations. This will allow the club to set up a cable system which can connect to most computers and make set up for presentations easier. Thanks Mike

for your generous donation!
The famous annual SWARC auction will be held at our next meeting on February 2nd. Bring your money and score a good buy or sell some equipment you no longer need.

Winter Field Day is fast approaching and is scheduled for January 29/30, 2022. The club does not plan to have an organized presence this year. Ryan Avery is not hosting Winter Field Day this year due to work commitments and other activities.

Main Presentation:
Manny Garcia (KB4NC) gave a presentation on the Tempest Weather System by WeatherFlow. Notable features of the Tempest Weather System are that the outdoor sensor has no moving parts, is solar powered, and connects wirelessly to an indoor hub connected to the Internet. iOS and Android apps allow you to have real time access to your weather data from anywhere.

Additionally, the apps leverage real time data and advanced modeling to provide a local forecast at your station.
Manny said he really likes the online mapping feature which allows you to see your station and others all across the world. If the station owner is sharing their data you can view conditions at Tempest weather stations worldwide. The weather station can also interface with the 'internet of things' such as smart irrigation systems or control your home thermostat. Smart indoor lights can be automatically controlled based on the outdoor brightness sensed by the system.

Manny reports that there is a great support community of you have questions about your station. The outdoor sensor needs to be mounted very securely so it does not wiggle in high winds and throw off the readings. Manny said his sensor pole is sunk three feet into the ground.

And finally, the SWARC Chili Champion. Steve Mowels judged the competition and reported that all the chefs produced outstanding chili. But, in the end, Penny Krum edged out the other competitors and was declared the 2022 SWARC Chili Champion. Congratulations Penny!

Richard concluded the meeting at 7:59 pm.

73
Andy McDaniel – KN4JJU - Secretary

MEMBERSHIP

Just a reminder that it is that time again to pay membership dues.

$30 for individuals and $5 for each family member. These are not pro-rated unless an individual, as a previous member, is renewing midstream, etc.

You can bring a check or cash to the next meeting or mail them to the club PO box and Christy will let me know she has received them so I can update the list. If you mail them, give me a heads up so I can mark it as pending on the roster.

Makes checks payable to South Wake ARC.

If you are going to mail it, send it to South Wake ARC – PO Box 1565 – Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

Gary Plante

KO4LQX

NET REPORT

SWARC Group-December 2021 and 2021 In Total

We had three individuals who can be referred to as net check in champs for December; they are Bill, KK4QDZ, Al, WA4TCJ, and Richard, K7RLH.

In addition, I asked Brian, KK4BK, our database whiz, to provide us with the top 15 net check-ins for the whole year. Now, keep in mind that not all NCOs enter their data and some might be missing for other reasons, but the results are: KK4QDZ--229, K7RLH--204, WA4TCJ--180, N4BAJ—174, WA3JJG—157, KM4IJK—127, KN4OEY—121, KO4LQX—115, KB4NC—107, KK4BK—107, WB4UFO—104, KO4MSN—101, KJ4QNW—98, KO4FUD—96, and Kj4CVK—91.

Obviously, there a number of us with nothing else to do. However, my challenge to the rest of you is to unseat one of us during 2022!!

See you on the net.

net date	Callsign count	Expr1000	Net Checkins
12/4/2021	17	KK4QDZ	18
12/5/2021	12	K7RLH	17
12/6/2021	19	WA4TCJ	16
12/8/2021	17	KN4OEY	15
12/9/2021	12	WA3JJG	15
12/11/2021	20	K4ADH	12
12/12/2021	12	KK4BK	12

12/13/2021	17	WB4UFO	12
12/15/2021	18	KJ4CVK	10
12/18/2021	11	KB4NC	10
12/19/2021	10	KM4IJK	9
12/20/2021	12	KJ4QNW	8
12/22/2021	20	KI4WAI	8
12/24/2021	16	KO4FUD	8
12/26/2021	12	N4BAJ	7
12/27/2021	15	KJ4WLG	6
12/28/2021	14	K4KIB	6
12/29/2021	17	KO4IHM	6
12/31/2021	20	KE4QBW	6
		KO4DHJ	5
		N4NCK	5
		KG4JOK	5
		KD7AAG	4
		KE4VNX	4
		KT4JR	3
		K2OLT	3

WB4SMS	2	W1JCA	3
KE4RUN	2	KO4MWA	3
KO4LQX	2	KO4MSN	2
KD2DMK	2	N4BNC	2

There is a slight change to the net control schedule below.

•For the time being, until further notice, Kenny, KJ4CVK, has resumed the noontime nets
•Saturday and Sunday evenings will be called by KT4JR & K7RLH
•KK4BK will call Monday evenings until KB4NC finished his code class
•KA0GMY will call Tuesday evenings (backup is K7RLH)
•KB4NC will call Wednesday evenings except on meeting nights
•KJ4CVK to pick up Thursday evenings if available (KO4LZZ has volunteered to call if Kenny is not available)

•Fridays will continue to be called by NC4MP
•And we need backups – JUST BECAUSE.

Please contact Richard Hall, K7RLH, if you are interested in calling one or more nets.

Public Service

Check the RARS web site often for Public Service opportunities.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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K4MWG
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Appointed Positions

NET MANAGER
Kenny Souther-KJ4CVK
Special Events Director
Gino Fernandini –KI4YXO
Public Service Director
David Krum – NW3U

SWARC Mission Statement

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of its members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service.

LINKS (if you have other links you want added then send them to me)

PRN	
A Wide Area Digital Amateur Radio Network	www.ncprn.net
GigaParts	www.gigaparts.com
QRZ	www.qrz.com
Ham Radio Outlet HRO	www.hamradio.com
Raleigh Amateur Radio Society RARS	www.rars.org
Johnson Amateur Radio Society JARS	www.jars..net
South Wake Amateur Radio Club SWARC	www.southwakearc.com

ARRL News

ARRL Surveying Field Day Participants

The ARRL Programs and Services Committee is seeking input from stations and groups that participated in ARRL Field Day 2020 and 2021 and has posted a survey. The committee said the survey results may help shape the development of Field Day rules for 2022 and beyond. The survey has already been sent via email to some 13,000 Field Day participants, more than 2,400 Affiliated Clubs, and to the CQ-Contest and VHF-Contesting Reflectors.

"Specifically, as we look toward 2022 Field Day, health and social-distancing concerns may continue in June 2022 during the ongoing world pandemic," said ARRL Radiosport Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ. "For 2023 and beyond, the assumption is made that the pandemic will be over, and COVID-related restrictions will be relaxed."

Jahnke said the Programs and Services Committee invites participants' insights, in advance of its January meeting, regarding what they consider appropriate for operating ARRL Field Day 2022 during the ongoing pandemic. The committee hopes to learn if participants prefer to continue Field Day under the pandemic accommodations afforded in 2020 and 2021, which included limiting home stations to the Low Power multiplier (150 W PEP), and whether stations in some classes or all other classes should be limited to 150 W PEP as well. Field Day stations operating at high power became the topic of some discussion in the wake of Field Day 2021, when some stations were reported to be running the legal limit on FT8 on crowded bands.

The committee is also interested in views on the 150 W versus 100 W change in the Field Day Low Power category definition, which is being implemented across all contest platforms.

During 2020 and 2021, ARRL permitted a couple of basic accommodations in the Field Day rules during the COVID outbreak.

Participants who could not or did not want to be in a group were allowed to operate from their home stations and contribute their individual scores to their club's Field Day aggregate score. Members' scores were combined to achieve an overall final club score, which then appeared in the ARRL Field Day results summary in *QST* and on the ARRL website.

In addition, Class D (Home, commercial power) stations were allowed to contact other Class D stations for point credit.

In 2021, Class D and Class E (Home, emergency power) stations were limited to a maximum transmitter output power of 150 W PEP (Low Power). The idea here was to minimize the advantage of well-established home stations with superior antenna systems and running up to the legal 1,500 W PEP limit.

Field Day participants may use this survey link or copy this URL into a web browser: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022--ARRL-FIELD-DAY-SURVEY.

The survey will close on January 17, 2022. Direct any questions to the ARRL Contest Department.

ARRL Podcasts Schedule

The latest episode of the *On the Air* podcast (Episode 24) features tips on how to improve the effective range of your handheld transceiver.

The latest edition of Eclectic Tech (Episode 50) of the *Eclectic Tech* podcast -- the final edition for 2021 -- features a discussion with Nelson Sollenberger, KA2C, about the filter he designed that allows two nearby stations to operate on the same band during ARRL Field Day and contests. The episode also offers a brief explanation of the so-called POST beeps that many computers make, and what they mean.

The *On the Air* and *Eclectic Tech* podcasts are sponsored by Icom. Both podcasts are available on iTunes (iOS) and Stitcher (Android) as well as on Blubrry -- *On the Air* | *Eclectic Tech*.

ARRL Welcomes New Director of Emergency Management

ARRL has announced the hiring of Josh Johnston, KE5MHV, into the role of Director of Emergency Management. Johnston is from Ozone, Arkansas, and comes to ARRL with 16 years of experience as the Director of Johnson County (Arkansas) Department of Emergency Management. He holds an Extra-class amateur radio license and is an ARES® Emergency Coordinator, Volunteer Examiner, and ARRL-registered Instructor. Johnston is also certified in FEMA NIMS and is a Cybersecurity and

With extensive experience in inter-agency cooperation and planning, Johnston is well versed in the different aspects of emergency management and leading both professional and volunteer operators. He has experience in communications planning and execution in the field and at the local and state level. As an Arkansas Master Certified Emergency Manager and past Board Member of Arkansas Emergency Management Association, where he served as president for 2 years, Johnston has experience working with government and agency representatives as well as boots on the ground in the field.

Johnston will be based at ARRL's headquarters in Newington, Connecticut, working with staff and member-volunteers, and coordinating with the ARRL Board's new Emergency Communications and Field Services Committee (EC-FSC).

Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) AUXCOMM Communications Unit Leader. He holds a bachelor's degree in emergency administration and management from Arkansas Tech University.

"I am happy to welcome Josh to the ARRL staff and to add his talent and knowledge to our team," said ARRL CEO David Minster, NA2AA. "His contribution will help ARRL continue to support our dedicated volunteers of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service®, improve opportunities for training, and advance our relationships throughout the EmComm community."

ARRL Learning Network Webinars

Visit the ARRL Learning Network (a members-only benefit) to register, check on upcoming webinars, and to view previously recorded sessions.

More webinars are coming soon!

ARRL members may register for upcoming presentations and view previously recorded Networkwebinars. ARRL-affiliated radio clubs may also use the recordings as presentations for club meetings, mentoring new and current hams, and discussing amateur radio topics.

The ARRL Learning Network schedule is subject to change.

Amateur Radio in the News

ARRL Public Information Officers, Coordinators, and many other member-volunteers help keep amateur radio and ARRL in the news.

- Pandemic Project: Trailer renovation allows for extended emergency radio assistance *The Spokesman-Review*(Washington) December 30, 2021
- Amateur Radio Club bands together during pandemic*OrilliaMatters.com* (Ontario) December 26, 2021

Share any amateur radio media hits you spot with us.

The Volunteer Monitor Program Report for December 2021

The Volunteer Monitor (VM) Program is a joint initiative between ARRL and the FCC to enhance compliance in the Amateur Radio Service. This is the December 2021 activity report of the VM Program.

- Operators in Center Hill and Coconut Creek, Florida, were issued notices for excessive signal bandwidth on 40 and 75 meters, in violation of Section 97.307(a) of FCC rules. General-class operators in Hudson, Florida; Winterville, Georgia; Provo, Utah, and Bloomfield Hills, Jackson, and Howell, Michigan, received notices for out-of-band SSB operation on frequencies not permitted by their General-class licenses, in violation of Section 97.301 of FCC rules.
- Technician-class operators in Baltimore, Maryland; Divernon, Illinois; Moore, Oklahoma; Bradenton, Florida, and Roseville and Rancho Cordova, California, received notices for FT8 operation on unauthorized 20- and 40-meter frequencies, in violation of Section 97.301 of FCC rules.
- Commendations for exemplary amateur radio operation were issued to licensees in these cities: Dahlonega, Georgia (for managing medical and technical issues during the Six Gap Century bicycle race in October); Riverside, California (for operation during the October Earthquake Situational Emergency Test); Swansea, South Carolina (for operation on the SC HF ARES Net); Springfield, Indiana (for assistance to new operators in message handling); Mims, Florida (for exceptional efforts in correcting wideband issues), and Raymond, Mississippi (for exemplary operation during ARRL Field Day, statewide HF and VHF nets, and assistance to new operators).

The totals for VM monitoring in November were 1,901 hours on HF frequencies and 2,784 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 4,685 hours.

There was one referral from the FCC for enforcement assistance. -- *Thanks to VM Program Administrator Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH*

Announcements

Tom Roscoe, K8CX, has updated his treasury of sound clips with 314 new ones from 2021, including DX sound clips. Tom now has a grand total of 3,211 sound clips dating from the 1960s to the present. He's always looking for good on-air recordings.

N3FJP Amateur Contact Log 7.0.3 and all N3FJP software now includes an easily selectable, fully customizable "Dark Theme" option. "Being able to quickly transition to Dark Theme during night time operating sure helps give our eyes a rest, reduces fatigue, and helps keep us in the chair longer," says developer Scott Davis, N3FJP. Colors may be modified as well.

The agenda for the ARRL Board of Directors Annual Meeting, January 21 - 22, 2022 has been posted.

The Danish DX Group celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2022. For that occasion, special event station OZ50DDXG will be on the air, and radio amateurs can apply for an anniversary award by working the station. More information is in the OZ50DDXG QRZ.com profile.

In Brief...

A new Technician Question Pool will become effective on July 1. The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) Question Pool Committee (QPC) has released the *2022 - 2026 Technician Class FCC Element 2 NCVEC Question Pool Syllabus & Question Pool* into the public domain. It's available as a Word document or PDF. The three graphics required for the new Technician question pool are available within the documents, or separately as PDF or JPG files. The new pool incorporates some significant changes compared to the 2018 - 2022 pool. Its 257 questions were modified slightly to improve wording or to replace distractors; 51 new questions were generated, and 62 questions were eliminated. This resulted in a reduction of 11 questions, bringing the total number of questions in the pool from 423 to 412. The difficulty level of the questions is now more balanced, and the techniques and practices addressed have been updated. The new 2022 - 2026 question pool is effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2026, and *must* be used for Technician-class license exams administered on or after July 1, 2022. -- *Thanks to NCVEC Question Pool Committee*

The *WSJT* development group has released a "bug-fix" update of *WSJT-X* -- version 2.5.4.The primary fix repairs a defect that caused occasional crashes when contacting stations with non-standard call signs. It also allows *MAP65*'s "best-fit Delta Phi (Dphi)" solution to be displayed to the user. The *WSJT* development group has welcomed new members Chet Fennell, KG4IYS, and Dr. Uwe Risse, DG2YCB. "Each brings important skills and experience[s] to the project, after the loss of Bill Somerville, G4WJS," said Joe Taylor, K1JT, on behalf of the group. "The newly constituted group has been working to redefine standard operating procedures for new releases." Installation packages for *WSJT-X* are available for Windows and Linux. An installation package for macOS will be added soon.

Just Ahead in Radiosport

- **December 11 - 12 -- ARRL 10-Meter Contest (CW, phone)**
- **December 12 -- 160-Meter Transatlantic Centenary QSO Party(CW)**

Upcoming Section, State, and Division Conventions

- January 14 -15 -- ARRL North Texas Section Convention(Cowtown Hamfest), Forest Hill, Texas
- January 22 -- ARRL Midwest Division Convention (Winterfest),Collinsville, Illinois
- January 28 - 29 -
  - ARRL Delta Division Convention (Capital CityHamfest 2022), Jackson, Mississippi.
- **February 10 - 13 -**
  - 2022 ARRL National Convention atOrlando HamCation®, Orlando, Florida
- February 18 - 19 -- ARRL Southwestern Division Convention(Yuma Hamfest), Yuma, Arizona
- February 26 -- ARRL Vermont State Convention (HAM-CON), Colchester, Vermont
- March 19 -- ARRL Southern Florida Section Convention (47thAnnual Martin County Hamfest), Stuart, Florida
- March 19 -- ARRL West Texas Section Convention (66th Annual St. Patrick's Day Hamfest), Midland, Texas
- March 19 -- ARRL West Virginia Section Convention (Charleston Area Hamfest), Charleston, West Virginia
- March 27 -- ARRL Virginia Section Convention (Winterfest), Annandale, Virginia

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- *The ARRL Letter* is available in an accessible format, posted weekly to the Blind-hams Groups.io email group. The group is dedicated to discussions about amateur radio as it concerns blind hams, plus related topics including ham radio use of adaptive technology.

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And, from our Section Manager, Marv Hoffman, WA4NC

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW HAMS

The Five County Ham Radio Enthusiasts VE Team, led by Richard Hall, K7RLH, held a test session on this past Saturday which resulted in five new Technicians, one person who passed both Tech and General, one person who upgraded to General and one person who upgraded to Extra. Congratulations go out to the new and upgraded hams and to Richard and his team for making the test session possible.

(I didn't ask for this accolade; somehow he found out about it)

HAMFEST INFORMATION

The following hamfests have been scheduled for 2022.

Orlando Hamcation will be held on February 11-13, 2022 at the Central Florida Fairgrounds and Expo Park. Information about the Hamcation can be found at https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hamcation.com%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cfae978b126864e49c8e308d9d4621f8b%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637774340179670995%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=yQQTrJ0pmGT5PBvTNfdyuKapOziiio%2Fl92LSP77iZiI%3D&reserved=0. The Orlando Hamcation is reported as being the second largest hamfest held in the United States (second only to the Dayton Hamvention held in May).

The ARRL will hold its National Convention prior to the Orlando Hamcation. ARRL will have several morning and afternoon training tracks and its luncheon at the DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld on February 10. Information about the ARRL National Convention and the training program can be found at https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Farrl.org%2Farrl-expo&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cfae978b126864e49c8e308d9d4621f8b%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637774340179670995%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=m3tUdVZmIYymAXhZEOCHbMNLAJp%2Fly17F%2F4MY5a%2BzTA%3D&reserved=0

The Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society will hold the Charlotte Hamfest on March 11 and 12 at the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center which is located at 4551 Old Airport Road, near Concord NC. Information about the hamfest can be found at https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcharlottehamfest.org%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cfae978b126864e49c8e308d9d4621f8b%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637774340179670995%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=hSlfj%2FFPyK56xU2HKx5dKXpDnhFiv6ucNmIF4J%2B7fEQ%3D&reserved=0.

The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society will hold its RARSfest on Saturday, April 16, 2022 at the Jim Graham Building at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. Information about RARSfest can be found at https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.rarsfest.org%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cfae978b126864e49c8e308d9d4621f8b%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637774340179670995%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=3X%2FMvbZ4kju7BskETGm7vqH6sqm%2BZCP2Gc%2FCKHoja3A%3D&reserved=0

The Waynesville Hamfest is scheduled to be held at the Smoky Mountain Event Center (Haywood County Fairgrounds) which is located near Lake Junaluska. The date is July 23, 2022.

EMCOMM TRAINING

NCEM postponed several EmComm courses that were scheduled for January 2022. The Auxcomm class has been postponed until late March or early April at the Caldwell County EOC in Lenoir, NC. Persons who wish to take the course are urged to use the time between now and March to complete or upgrade the four on-line ICS courses (100c, 200c, 700b and 800d) which can be completed in about one hour each (and at no cost) at https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftraining.fema.gov%2Fis%2Fcrslist.aspx&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cfae978b126864e49c8e308d9d4621f8b%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637774340179670995%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=y035A4wR5tvNR5I9c5fMb8n%2BvL%2BtfJFzGuMp3fCS3q8%3D&reserved=0. You are reminded that persons who travel 50 miles from home to attend the Auxcomm course are eligible to be reimbursed for mileage, meals and lodging in accordance with NC State Government Travel Policies. The Auxcomm course plus upcoming CommEx events will be listed here as well as in TERMS (https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fterms.ncem.gov%2FTRS%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cfae978b126864e49c8e308d9d4621f8b%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637774340179670995%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=KDPZk7%2Bqcj%2FGWJBaces7PG4dJ52G1oGkP7tBAV2YlOE%3D&reserved=0).

BALLOTING UNDERWAY FOR NC SECTION MANAGER

Numerous persons have reported receiving their ballots for the NC Section Manager Election. Ballots must be received at ARRL HQ no later than February 18 in order to be counted on February 22.

SILENT KEY REPORTING

A sad but important part of the job of Section Manager involves advising ARRL HQ about the passing of hams so that their name and call is listed in QST. For example, I was advised of the passing of two hams in the past week or so and word has been sent on to ARRL HQ.

One was Jeff Blythe, KA4WYC, who was serving as the President of the Charlotte Amateur Radio Club, W4CQ. If you have ever been to the Charlotte Hamfest you likely saw and spoke with Jeff near he ticket counter or while he moved around in the hamfest. A second Silent Key that I learned of was Bill Turner, W4WNT, who lived near Waxhaw and was known as a Champion DX'er and past President of the Carolina DX Association. He was an on-the-air presence from Waxhaw and from Oak Island.

Both these gentlemen made significant contributions to ham radio and will be recognized in QST.

One of the more active clubs in the state recently posted a video tribute to its members who had passed away in 2021. I noticed that there were several hams whom I did not know had passed away and as a result word had not been sent to ARRL for their calls and names to be listed in QST.

If you know of a ham passing away, please drop me a line, including a link to a published obituary, so that appropriate recognition can be given in QST.

CLOSING COMMENT

ARRL HQ has asked me to request that each club designate someone to check on the accuracy of information on the ARRL webpage about your local club. Visitors and new hams use the club information at ARRL to know where and when club meetings are held and who the local officers are when seeking advice on local activities.

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